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Telephone number:

Re: FOIA Request

Dear FOIA Liaison:

In response to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated March 6, 2018, received in our office on June 11, 2018, from Exxon Mobile Corporation, we are forwarding records that belong to your agency for your review and direct response to the requester.

We conducted a search and located 209 responsive pages that originated in your agency. We have reviewed the IRS information in the responsive pages and are withholding 76 pages in part. The redacted portions of each page are marked by the applicable FOIA exemptions which are described below.

The enclosed password protected CD contains the redacted pages for your review and direct response to the requester. We are also enclosing a copy of the FOIA request. The password to open the file on the CD is being mailed separately.

We will provide written notification to the requester that your office will respond directly to the FOIA request.

FOIA exemption (b)(3), in conjunction with Internal Revenue Code section 6103(a), exempts from disclosure the tax information of other taxpayers.

FOIA Exemption (b)(5) exempts from disclosure inter- or intra-agency memorandums which wouldn't be available by law to parties other than those in litigation with the agency. The deliberative process privilege protects documents that reflect the pre-decisional opinions and deliberations on legal or policy matters.

FOIA exemption (b)(6) exempts from disclosure files that would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. We base the determination to withhold on balancing interests between the protection of an individual's right to privacy and the public's right to access government information.

FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) exempts from disclosure records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes when their release would reveal:

- Techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions.
- Guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, if release could risk circumvention of the law.

If you have questions, you can contact the person at the telephone number at the top of this letter.

Sincerely,

David Nimmo

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